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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER: THE
CANARIES ISSUE IN THE OAU

REF: MADRID 7466 (NOTAL)

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CABLES CONVEYING THE POSITIONS OF
THE CAPITALS WE HAVE APPROACHED ON POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF
THE CANARIES ISSUE AT THE UP-COMING OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM.
SPANISH EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THE RESULT OF OUR
APPROACHES.

2. OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION REMAINS BASICALLY THE

SAME AS THAT CONVEYED PREVIOUSLY (STATE 122855): THE OAU NATIONS ARE SPLIT ON THE ISSUE, AND MODERATE STATES WILL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT OR SIDETRACK CONSIDERATION OF THE STATUS OF THE CANARIES AND OF SUPPORT FOR THE CANARIES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT (MPAIAC) AT THE OAU SUMMIT. WE NOTE THAT AT THE RECENT OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING IN DAR-ES-SALAAM, THE EGYPTIANS, THE SENEGALESE AND OTHER MODERATES WERE ACTIVE IN OPPOSING ATTEMPTS TO SECURE RENEWED LIBERATION COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR MPAIAC, AND SUCCEEDED IN HOLDING OFF

THE MORE RADICAL STATES. OUR GUESS IS THAT, WITH SUBSTANTIAL MODERATE OPPOSITION TO THE OAU TAKING A DECISION ON THE ISSUE, THE QUESTION OF THE CANARY ISLANDS MAY WELL BE PUT OFF FOR FURTHER STUDY. IN ANY EVENT, THE CONSENSUS NEEDED TO DECIDE THIS ISSUE HAS NOT EMERGED.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR CHARGE TO RAISE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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